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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

[1] Premier GEORGI M. MALENKOV, *addressing Supreme Soviet in Moscow*: "In the Soviet Union there reigns an atmosphere of cheerfulness, confidence and peaceful, creative labor, while in the U S, as is being admitted by U S official circles, the social atmosphere is poisoned by fear, anxiety and despondency. Such is the result of a policy of threats and intimidation." . . . [2] Mbr of Senate Investigating Committee, *commenting on public reaction to Army-McCarthy controversy*: "Our mail indicates that people are beginning to get mad. So far they haven't decided whom to be mad at, but I suspect that if we don't get the Army back to work pretty soon, it's going to be us—the committee." . . . [3] JOHN FOSTER DULLES, Sec'y of State, *speaking at Geneva Conf.*: "We hope to find that the aggressors come here in a mood to purge themselves of their aggression." . . . [4] WALTER BEDELL SMITH, Undersec'y of State: "Whatever contribution the U S can make to help prevent the

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Vice Pres RICHARD M. NIXON, *commenting on Army-McCarthy controversy*: "I think Jenkins (*Ray H Jenkins, special counsel to Senate investigating subcommittee*) is showing to the whole country just who the major winner out of this squabble will be." (*He refused further elaboration.*)

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communist conquest of Southeast Asia, and to help the gallant band that is defending Dien Bien Phu, cannot be withheld." . . . [5] Gen CLAIRE LEE CHENAULT, leader of famed Flying Tigers in China: "No for'gn troops could win a war in Asia. No American should fight in such a conflict when Asiatics are willing to do the job." . . . [6] Sen EDWIN C. JOHNSON (D-Colo): "I am against sending Americans into the mud and muck of Indo-China in a blood-letting spree to perpetuate colonialism and the white man's continuous exploitation in Asia."

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Some background on Indo-China: French influence goes back to 1787, when a treaty was negotiated between ruler of Cochín-China and Louis XIV. French have been dominant force for 150 yrs, their power resented and not infrequently challenged. As late as 1883 Annam united with China in an inconclusive effort to drive the French out. Nationalist-communist uprisings have been sporadic for 15 yrs.

That France might have avoided present dilemma with more enlightened colonial policy is beside the point. Sum of the matter is that France is licked, and must have help. Free world can't afford to lose Southeast Asia to reds. Question is not whether we'll "get in it." We are in it now. So we (meaning chiefly U S) will help.

How? How much?

Primarily, we'll help with sinews of war, as at present. Ground troops? Probably not—now. U S pilots? Yes; more and larger training missions. And, if needed, our flyers may participate actively. We'll do what may be necessary to hold strategic Indo-China for "our side." Meanwhile France will be forced to commitment for eventual freeing of colonials. This is in line with our "Free Asia" policy, designed to offset the well-laid communist program that dates back to Lenin.

U S position is that if the allies take a firm stand the reds (meaning Red China directly, Soviet Union indirectly) may back down, abandon their support of Indo-China insurgents. This may work temporarily and relieve immediate crisis; time will tell. But communists will not lightly or permanently relinquish their grasp of vast Asian treasures. Control of Asia is fundamental in the communist blue-print for domination of the world.



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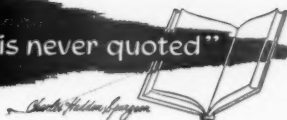
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AMBITION—1

The emcee was interviewing novelist J B Priestly over the British air. "How do you account for your rise to the heights, Mr Priestly," he queried, "when so many of your classmates in journalism seemed to show as much if not more promise?"

The author ans'd slowly, "As for anyone else, I cannot say. I only know *I cared like blazes!*"—CLARICE M BOWMAN, *Concern*.

ATOMIC AGE—2

It is today fully as important to know about the particles within the atom as it was to learn about the mysterious new America centuries ago, or about Pasteur's discovery of the germs that cause disease two generations ago, and about the invention of the airplane fifty yrs ago. The frontiers of man's knowledge are now within the atom.—UNESCO *Courier*.

BIBLE—3

The devil is not afraid of the Bible that has dust on it.—*Origin Unknown*.

CHILDREN—Guidance—4

Thanks to the science of nutrition, we know how to feed children so they will grow tall and strong and their death rate will be extremely low. But this science has not taught us how to give them a robust nervous system, a balanced disposition, courage, moral sense and intelligence, nor how

to protect them against mental degeneration. This problem concerns the future of millions of children.—ALEXIS CARREL, in *Reflections on Life* (Hawthorn Books).

COMMUNISM—5

We in America are permitting the image we have formed of the enemies of our system to become larger than life. More and more we tend to think of communism in absolute, almost theological terms. Even in young Communists, confused and naive, we see the spawn of Satan, the very incarnation of evil. — TIBOR KOEVES, editorial, "Shall West and West Meet?" *World*, 4-1-'54.

CONSERVATION—6

Conservation is a positive thing, a method of making the fullest use of every resource that has been bestowed on man. Conservation connotes the turning of a key. But it is not turning a lock on what has been already found; it is the turning of the key to open new possibilities for usefulness.—DOUGLAS MCKAY, *Argonaut*.

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It used to be said that man by his scientific knowledge had caused the desert to bloom; but far more often he turns a blooming countryside into a hopeless desert by sheer greed and destructiveness.—F WOOD JONES, *Trends of Life* (Arnold).

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Tracking down illustrious ancestors has put the Daughters of the American Revolution in the red.

In the past, a charge of \$6 to \$10 has been made to run a check verifying Revolutionary ancestors. This nominal fee has put the office \$70,000 in the hole.

DARs, in their recent Continental Congress, wouldn't up the fee for the 1st Revolutionary ancestor, but raised the cost of verifying supplementary ancestry lines, which permit mbrs to wear add'l lineage bars.

When Postmaster Gen'l Arthur Summerfield was late to ceremonies inducting him into the prankster Washington tent of Circus Saints & Sinners, the toastmaster jibed, "Late, as usual, just like his postmen!"

Rep Alvin M Bentley (R-Mich) who was shot Mar 1 by Puerto Rican terrorists in the House of Representatives, has an unexplained mystery. He found a spent bullet in the vest pocket of the suit he wore then. Neither Bentley nor colleagues who attended him has any idea where the lead slug came from. The bullet which shattered his liver was never found.

Actress Martha Raye kept up a stream of gags as she married for the 5th time in Arlington Police Dep't basement. The compulsory blood test, she said, "showed only that I have no blood."

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EDUCATION—7

It is the biggest business in America. It has the largest number of owners, the most extensive and costly plant, and utilizes the most valuable raw material. It has the greatest number of operators. It employs our greatest investment in money and time, with the exception of Nat'l Defense. Its product has the greatest influence on both America and the world.—CHAS R SLIGH, Jr.

Marks have become more important than character. As a Philadelphia high-school senior put it: "We don't seem to be going to school for an education. All we seem to be struggling for is something called a 74 or 95." — LAWRENCE LADER, "Is Your Child a Classroom Cheat?" Parents' Mag.

Education should reduce the number of people who go thru life never having lived.—NEA Jnl.

EXPERT—Definition—8

An expert is defined as a combination of two concepts, x for an unknown quantity and spurt, which is a drip under pressure.—Chemical & Engineering News.

FAITH—9

While walking along a mountain path with his little daughter, a man came to a small stream bridged by a fallen log. The father told the child to take firm hold of his hand for safety.

The little girl hesitated. Then she said, "If I take hold of yours I might let go; but if you take hold of my hand, no matter what happens, you will never let go of me."—MINNIE H GRISWOLD, White Gold.

Mining the Magazines



Philip Wylie, popular novelist, is to be found currently in the somewhat rarefied atmosphere of the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*. In a longish article he asks—and answers—the question of whether we Americans are panic prone. Yes, the author (disagreeing with gov't propaganda on the subject) believes we probably *would* go berserk under a rain of atom bombs. Points to a variety of already-apparent “symptoms” denoting deeply repressed fear. (Mr Wylie's current novel, *Tomorrow!* deals with the atomic theme.)

For 7 yrs Peter B B Andrews, a former economic advisor to the U S gov't, has been preparing an annual travel forecast for *Printers' Ink*, the adv jnl—and hitting with remarkable accuracy. His latest look ahead (issue of Apr 9) forecasts that Americans will spend 7% more on for'gn and domestic travel this yr than last. Factors: more vacations with pay; faster transport, permitting people to make long-planned trips within fixed time limitations.

World (Apr 1) has an article, “Ads That Sell Abroad” which will interest many non-professionals. Tells how ad agencies solve special problems overseas. Colgate, telling “the same old sob story of the girl with bad breath” uses an Indian model for the Hindustan version. But other advertisers (for interesting reasons) cling to the American blonde.

We hear that in Paris American firms are up to their usual efficiency tricks. IBM's offices have little signs shouting “*Reflechissez*” all over the place. That means “Think” in French.—*Iron Age*.

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Herb Bailey, in *Better Homes & Gardens* now points out that just as we trade our old cars for later models, we should be able to trade in our old houses for ones better suited to our present needs. Basic idea, of course, is old, but new technique is that you don't have to sell the old house before moving to a new one; builder guarantees a specified price for the old place; if it isn't sold within a stated time, he takes it off your hands at the set figure. Thus, practically speaking, a “trade in” deal.

Students of conservation will be interested in the story of Gaylord Container Corp and its “tree farms” in Louisiana and Mississippi, as told in *Apr American Forests*. This firm has recently planted its 100 millionth tree; has in one 110,000 acre tract the largest privately-owned, man-made forest in N America.

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Waiting

STRICKLAND W GILLILAN, who died last wk at the age of 84, may be remembered chiefly for his classic line: "Off agin, on agin, gone agin.—Finnigin." But he wrote many other poems humorous, philosophical, poignant. From the collection we take the final stanza of a poem dedicated to his father:

Once on a time he went away again;
Perhaps the sun was shining,
but he could not see.
I have not climbed that little knoll since then,
For Father is not coming home to me.
Somewhere he waits upon a sun-kissed hill
And softly says: "My boy is coming soon."
He'll know me from afar—I know he will!—
When, world-tired, I trudge home, some afternoon. 10

FREEDOM—11

In a free society, men may have anything they choose, either bad or good. Without freedom, men will have no choice, and only the bad will prevail, because then only might determines right.—MARK M HEALD, *A Free Society: An Evaluation of Contemporary Democracy* (Philosophical Library).

Freedom of speech is too often interpreted to mean that one is free to say exactly what he pleases—as long as he pleases enough people.—FRANK JOHNSON PIPPIN.

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GOD—and Man—12

Many roads lead to God. Travel any one of them you like and I'm sure you'll come within God's reach.—CLAUD H FOSTER, quoted by ELLISEVA SAYERS, "The Greatest Day of My Life," *Philanthropy*.

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There's no 3 wks correspondence course to put you in touch with Heaven.—DR K MORGAN EDWARDS, *Christian Advocate*.

GOVERNMENT—13

We Americans still prefer responsiveness to efficiency. We want gov't to do what we need and want it to do. We count the cost second.—JAS L McCAMY, "Responsiveness vs Efficiency in Public Service," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 3-'54.

HISTORY—14

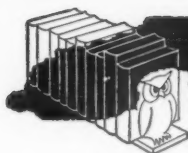
History without geography is a romance in the land of nowhere.—SMITH, OSTHEIMER & Others, *Christianity and America* (Sadlier).

KNOWLEDGE—15

It is not important to know everything; it is important only to know important things. — JAS R NEWMAN, "Toward Atomic Agreement," *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, 4-'54.

LANGUAGE—16

Words are the little stitches with which we weave the fabric of ideas. They are the bricks to hold and exhibit our thoughts, that others may observe the workings of our minds. They are the weapons with which we fight to win a place for our convictions — and joust to best the thoughts of others. Words, single words, are powerful.—Editorial, *New Outlook*.



Book Briefs

Scanning an advance chapter of *Your Child's Reading Today*, by Josette Frank (which Doubleday will publish a month hence) we are beginning to wonder how the tiny tots find *any* time for reading—or living:

"When Rob't Louis Stevenson said the world was so full of a number of things, he had no idea how full our children's world would actually be. Children go to concerts and art museums. Music lessons are not new, but more children today take them, plus dancing, riding, skating, swimming, and varied supplementary instruction. Religious education is no longer just an hr or so on Sunday. Children belong to groups, recreational and otherwise. They go to community centers and work in community drives. Raised standards of child health have brought further inroads into their time. They used to go to the doctor only when there was something wrong, but now they go periodically to the doctor, to the dentist—with, perhaps, regular wkly visits to the orthodontist to have their teeth straightened."

The reader with a longish memory will recall Dr Chas Frances Potter's debates with fundamentalist John Roach Straton, and his testimony in the Scopes "monkey" trial at Dayton, Tenn, in the early 20's. Now, Dr Potter has written a book, *The Faiths Men Live By*

FICTION: a story in which the heroine marries for money—and lives unhappily ever after!

—KAY INGRAM.

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(Prentice-Hall) in which he discusses with liberal leanings literally every human belief from animism to Zoroastrianism—and finds some good in all of them. While it is true, he says in a preface, that "every man grovels in error" he prefers to emphasize the more inspiring fact that "every man glimpses a truth."

John K Hutchens, in *N Y Herald-Tribune*, says that Westchester alumni of Univ of Pa recently voted to discontinue football movies at their smokers and, instead, invite a professor to come over and talk about books. But as a hedge they are planning what theatrical folk call "an extra added attraction": the current Miss America, who fortuitously chances to be a Penn co-ed!

Well, it seems that the Nobel Foundation has not remained impervious to inflation. This yr's Nobel prizes will be the biggest in history. In each of the 5 fields of award, the check will come to 181,646 crowns, which translates roughly into \$35,067., or about \$1200 more than last yr.

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Battle Hymn of The Republic

JULIA WARD HOWE, whose 135th anniversary we are to mark on May 27, wrote her most famous poem at the suggestion of her minister, who sought some stirring verses to be sung to the tune of the then-popular marching song, John Brown's Body. The verses appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly* for Feb 1862, titled by the editor, who paid \$10 for the contribution. This is Mrs Howe's account of the composition:

I awoke in the gray of the morning twilight; and as I lay waiting for the dawn, the long lines of the desired poem began to twine themselves in my mind. Having thought out all the stanzas, I said to myself, "I must get up and write these verses down, lest I fall asleep again and forget them."

I found in the dimness an old stump of a pen and scrawled the verses almost without looking at the paper. I had learned to do this when, on previous occasions, attacks of versification had visited me in the night, and I feared to have recourse to a light lest I should wake the baby. . . . At this time, having completed my writing, I returned to bed and fell asleep, saying to myself, "I like this better than most things that I have written."

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LOVE—17

Don't ever ration love. We'd have a good world if everyone was loved as much as possible from the time he was born. No one can hate anybody if he's been loved enough. — GERTRUDE SCHWEITZER, *Woman's Home Companion*.

LOYALTY—18

When we start defining loyalty we demonstrate to the world that we no longer know what it is.— HUGH NIBLEY, *Western Political Quarterly*.

LUCK—19

Luck may help a man over a ditch, if he jumps well. — PHIL MANN, *York Trade Composer*, hm, York Composition Co.

PEACE—20

With intelligence and humility and dedication as our ammunition, we can wage the peace thruout the world with a strength beyond armies, destroying nothing except hate and greed and distrust.—PAUL G. HOFFMAN, "American Attitude on World Organization," *Public Opinion Q'tly*, Winter '53-'54.

PRAYER—21

Suppose a man were traveling a dirt road to see his dying mother; he would naturally pray for dry weather. Suppose some farmers in a nearby church were praying for rain. What could God do? It would be a chaotic world if men's prayers could change God's immutable laws. Prayer does not move the arm of God; rather it enables the arm of God to move us. Prayer's greatest results are not in the realm of nature, but in the realm of human nature.—GASTON FOOTE, *Living in Four Dimensions* (Fleming H Revell).

Pathways to the Past



Week of
May 23-29

Nat'l Secretaries' Wk

V F W "Buddy" Poppy Wk

May 23—Rural Life Sunday. . . *Nat'l 4-H Club Sunday.* . . *British Empire Day* (Tho the term "Empire" is primarily a sentimental recollection, the day still has significance for England and associated nations; it marks the b'day of Queen Victoria, b 1819). . . 155th anniv (1799) b of Thos Hood, English poet (*Song of a Shirt*).

May 24—110 yrs ago today (1844) Sam'l F B Morse, inventor of the telegraph, gave the 1st public demonstration of his instrument, telegraphing a message ("What hath God wrought") from Washington to Baltimore. . . 85 yrs ago (1869) Maj John Wesley Powell became 1st white man to explore the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. (Expedition req'd 3 mo's). . . 55 yrs ago (1899) 1st public garage estab, Boston, Mass.

May 26—Feast of St Augustine of Canterbury. . . 155th anniv (1799) b of Alexander Pushkin, Russian poet. . . 30th anniv (1924) U S Immigration bill, making a radical departure in our nat'l policy, by placing immigration on a strict percentage basis.

May 27—Ascension Day. . . *St Bede's Day.* . . *Shabuoth* (Hebrew festival). . . 135th anniv (1819) b of Julia Ward Howe, author *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

May 28—200th anniv (1754) French & Indian War (Geo Washington's Virginians, in his 1st engagement, attacked and overcame an encamped French party). . . 195th anniv (1759) b of Wm Pitt ("Pitt, the Younger") one of England's great prime ministers. . . 90 yrs ago (1864) Maximilian, tool of Napoleon III, landed at Vera Cruz to assume the throne of Mexico. . . 55th anniv (1899) founding of the Gideon Society, at Boscobel, Wis. (Having placed Bibles in practically every hotel room in the land, Gideons now plan to similarly equip nation's motels). . . 1st talking motion picture entirely in color (*On With the Show*) exhibited 25 yrs ago (1929).

May 29—As you order french fries today, you might express your appreciation to a small group of Scotch-Irish immigrants who, 235 yrs ago (1719) planted 1st Irish potatoes in a new land, at Londonderry, N H. . . At the Democratic Nat'l Convention in Baltimore, 110 yrs ago (1844) Jas K Polk was nominated as a compromise candidate for President, by the Van Buren forces, who could not gain a 2/3rds majority for their candidate. In the fall election he defeated Henry Clay, Whig, thus becoming 1st "dark horse" candidate to attain the Presidency of the U S. . . Gilbert Keith Chesterton, English man of letters, b 80 yrs ago (1874) d, 1936.

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"Of all things!"

Have you heard of the "wooden church" crusade? The idea originated with H Von Royk-Lewinski, who served as a captain in the German navy during the last war.

Appalled by the Soviet destruction of houses of worship in his native land, the young captain resolved to ring the Iron Curtain with a circle of churches to replace those destroyed — matching hatred with the love of God.

They would, according to plan, be simple wooden churches. Fifty could be built for about the cost of a single bomber. With the blessing of Catholic, Protestant and Hebrew religious leaders in Europe, the dreamer came to America. Once a man of means, he was now virtually penniless. Undismayed, he took a job as a night watchman, so that he might have his days free to seek funds. Systematically he began telling the story of the Wooden Church Crusade to all who would listen. Slowly the idea took root. Today a great sponsoring committee includes 26 governors, 51 senators and former President Herbert Hoover. This committee confidently hopes to raise \$1 million and build 49 churches, none to cost more than \$25,000. Already 10 are under construction. One, a Protestant church, is only a few yds from the Iron Curtain. A synagogue will be erected soon in Munich.

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RELIGION—22

Religion is not a simple statement of human trust, like the faith which plays so strong a role in so many "religious" books. Religion is the history of man's mistrust, his fear, and his unbelief, all dramatically overcome. It is the record and the saga of man's longest unbroken quest in history.

—ALBERT N WILLIAMS, "Our Prettified Prophets," *Saturday Review*, 4-10-'54.

RIGHT—Wrong—23

When things go wrong, don't go with them.—*Gas-ette*.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—24

Sign on a country road: "Drive carefully; there isn't a hospital within 50 miles."—*Sunshine Mag.*

SERVICE—25

Only uncomfortable chairs become antiques. The comfortable ones are worn out by use in a single generation. — *Kiel (Wis) Record*.

SOCIALISM—26

The idea that dividing up the wealth of rich persons will make everybody happy is not new. It wasn't new, even when it happened to Andrew Carnegie.

A visiting Socialist insisted the steel man had too much money, should distribute it to the people of the world. To the man's astonishment, Carnegie opined that this might be a good idea. He instructed his sec'y to give him the total of his assets and the figures on world population.

With these in hand, he did a little figuring. Then he gravely presented the Socialist with 16¢, that being his share of the Carnegie fortune.—*Candid Comments*.

SPEECH—Speaking—27

Talking to a publishing group in N Y last month, Leo Lionni, of *Fortune*, presented 9 techniques that have proved "fatally effective" in persuading people to speak at dinners:

(1) The "next fall" technique (almost anyone will agree, if you ask them far enough in advance); (2) the "importance" technique, implying that both invited speaker and occasion are important; (3) the "all-expenses-paid-plus-\$75" lure; (4) the "keynote" technique ("Yours will be the keynote address of the session"); (5) the long-distance call (forcing a quick decision); (6) the "intimate friend" technique; (7) the "no-one-else-can-do-it" technique; (8) "the-whole-committee-voted-for-you" technique; (9) the "Chicago technique" (You find a printed announcement that you're scheduled to speak, without having actually been invited at all!)

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From Jan 3 thru July 31, '53, it cost the taxpayers of the U S \$1,371,724 to print in the *Congressional Record* the oratory in Congress.—*Life Today*.

VISION—28

Should one look thru a red glass at a white lily, he would seem to see a red lily. But there would be no red lily. So it is with humanity's problems. They consist of false mental pictures.—MIRIAM D GARBRICK, quoted in *Pegmatites*.

WORK—29

There is no future in any job! The future is in the worker!—Dr FRANK CRANE, quoted by JAS E SWEANEY, "Finding Your Right Work," *Good Business*, 4-'54.

In Brief

Following recent *Washington Post-Times-Herald* consolidation, big city papers have been kept busy denying rumors of sale or merger. Latest squelched story concerns sale of 117-yr-old *Cincinnati Times-Star*. * Radio and tv are tightening censorship of commercials. A chain recently turned down a deodorant announcement because of "negative and tasteless copy"; WNBC, N Y, refused a stationbreak from a local newspaper because it promoted an article by Pat Ward, call-girl involved in Jelke vice case. * Survey service rep'ts youngsters forsaking tv for radio. Several involved reasons are given, but principal one may be that you can do homework (after a fashion) while radio is on. * *Tide*, the adv jnl, points out that gov't now uses more radio time than nation's top 5 commercial sponsors combined—well over \$50 million in contributed time for various crusades.

Film story of Martin Luther clicked so well that J Arthur Rank, British producer, is planning similar film on the life of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. * Charlotte, N C, super-mkt will include a theatre where children can watch brief movies while mother shops.

Spokesman for French Lingerie Federation deplores practice of sleeping in the nude. In addition to being bad for business, he asserts that it is "taking the mystery out of marriage."

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Good Stories..... you can use

A professor in an Eastern university—a gentleman of Scotch extraction, with congenital inclinations toward thrift—had just drawn \$25 from his bank, with the intention of buying some reference books. Turning away from the teller's window, with the money in his hand, he encountered a friend he hadn't seen for a long time.

After chatting for several min's, the friend said he was just going to lunch and asked the professor to join him.

"Glad to," the professor beamed. Then, glancing down at the money in his hand, he said, "I'll be with you as soon as I make this deposit."—D C JACOBSEN, *Partners*. a

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The minister of a small church in a little village in a remote part of the country was walking down the street one afternoon when he came upon one of the mbrs of his congregation who was engaged in beating the brains out of another villager. The minister stopped the fight at once and then started taking his church member to task.

"You must never cherish an enmity against your neighbor," said the minister. "If your neighbor does you an injury, you must forget it."

"Oh, I do forget it," explained the other. "But I've got such a powerful bad memory that I keeps forgettin' that I forgot it!"—DAN BENNETT. b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

ANN K GLASNER

I always dread visiting the home of a psychiatrist I know because of the dog, which immediately sidles up to me at my entrance and terrifies me by his attentions. On a recent visit, however, to my great relief, the dog, once he had recognized me, went back to his corner and became completely absorbed in a bone.

I smiled at the 6-yr-old daughter of my friend and remarked that I was glad the dog had become otherwise occupied.

"Oh," said the little lady, "but doesn't it make you feel rejected?"

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Wm Allen White, who won renown as editor of the *Emporia (Kas) Gazette*, often asserted that "very" was the most overworked word in the English language. I remember once he told Franklin P Adams how he could get rid of the use of the word.

"Instead of the word 'very,'" said White, "write the word 'damn.' The proofreader will, of course, knock out the 'damn' and then you will have a right good sentence." — BROCK PEMBERTON, quoted in *Kansas City Star*. c

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Cracks

An old and trusted Negro flunkie was left in charge of a store for the afternoon. Business was slack and he began idly looking over the stock. Finally, he tried on a pr of boots that he had eyed for several days. They fit perfectly—but the price was \$15.

Reluctantly the old man took off the cherished treasure, and turned his attention to another pr, priced at \$3. They also fit, so he wore them away, mumbling to himself: "Now, some folks I knows woulda took them \$15 shoes, but not me! I is honester than them!"—LYLE D FLYNN. d

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Best vacation story of the Midwest had to do with the Okla woman who was, of necessity, chatting with mbrs of the Texas elite at a Colorado resort. They were going on about their butlers, their chauffeurs and their 2nd maids until she stopped them cold with the announcement that her husband had given a 3-wks all-expense vacation in the mountains to their cook, their cleaning woman and their gardener. Nor did she find it necessary to further explain that she was all three.—*Shawnee* (Okla) *News-Star*. e

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One thing about moving frequently—you may not have many good friends—but you end up with curtains that will fit almost any kind of window. — *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. f

Middle-age is that time of life when the fellow who once looked like Gregory Peck begins to look more like a bushel!—S S BIDDLE.

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A fool and his money make out as well as the average man these days!—A A SCHILLING.

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The easiest way to find a parking space is immediately behind a fellow who just did!—O A BATISTA.

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A gentleman farmer is one who has more hay in the bank than in the barn. — Arcadia (Wis) *News-Leader*.

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A pessimist is an optimist who voted for a politician he thought would eliminate Gov't waste.—*News-Jnl*, Campbellsville, Ky.

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This is the season when, young or old, a man's fancy turns wistfully to thoughts of a self-cleaning garage.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

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Modern pioneer: The mother who manages to get thru a rainy Saturday with the television set out of order.—*Balance Sheet*.

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Another happy ending at the movies is the last crunch of popcorn by the kid sitting in back of you.—*Life Today*.

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At a conf of party propagandists the local party boss announced to the assembled comrades the launching of a drive for new mbrs.

"We need the active help of every comrade present," he said, "and will reward each one of you according to his accomplishment. Those who bring in two mbrs will have their mbrship dues cut in half. Those who bring in five will get a free party card. Finally, should any of you succeed in bringing in ten new mbrs, we promise you a certificate stating that you never were a mbr of the Communist Party." — ALEXANDER JANTA, *Partners*.

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A Russian traveler who came to Prague boasted of the miracles of Russian medicine. "We have a doctor in a Soviet medical school," he told the Czech, "who operated on a blind man and even gave him a new pr of eyes so that he can see again."

"That's nothing," scoffed the Czech. "A doctor in one of our schools operated on a man who had lost his fingers and gave him cows' udders in their place so that now he can get milk from his own fingers."

"Who saw that?" the Russian demanded suspiciously.

Retorted the Czech: "The blind man to whom your doctor gave eyes."—*Texas Outlook*.

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Att'y Gen'l Herbert Brownell has just told of an incident that took place when the hearing on his nomination for the Cabinet post was held behind closed doors.

Sen Pat McCarran (D-Nev) asked the nominee if he had resigned from his N Y law firm; if he had taken his name off the door and out of the telephone book; if he had converted his stock holdings into Gov't bonds. Receiving affirmative answers to all queries, McCarran leaned forward and observed, "You know, if we don't confirm you, you're gonna be in a hell of a shape!"—*Quote Washington Bureau*. g

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A woman clerk discovered a youngster wandering forlornly in the lobby of the Dep't of Agriculture bldg, in Washington, and in a spirit of kindness, said to him, "Perhaps you'd like to see the 40-ft mural on the floor above. It's really quite interesting."

With an expression of awed anticipation, the small boy hot-footed his way upstairs. A few minutes later there came a despairing call from the Bureau of Animal Husbandry upstairs. "What is the big idea?" a voice demanded. "Just who sent a kid up here looking for a 40-ft mule?"—*Sunshine Mag*. h

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A gentleman was endeavoring, with earnestness, to impress an argument upon a fellow passenger on a train. The unwilling listener appeared rather dull of comprehension. Slightly irritated, he raised his voice and exclaimed, "It's as plain as A B C!"

"That may be," quietly repl'd the other, "but I am D E F!"—*Sunshine Mag*. i

Miss Bailey, our biology teacher, was lecturing to the class on the structure, growth and development of the placenta.

She came to a section of the lecture where she listed the symptoms of pregnancy, and when she finished enumerating them, she paused a moment while the students were taking notes, and asked:

"Now, do you all have those?"—
RAY TRAIL. J



Americana

Studies at the New York Historical Society show that early Americans were fond of labor-saving devices.—News item.

Americans from early days
Have vied with friend and neighbor
To think up new, ingenious ways
Of saving sweat and labor.

Long, long before the present age
Of cellophane and chrome
All sorts of gadgets were the rage
In shop and field and home.

'They found a way, and fairly quick,
Of saving tiring movements.
They made machines that did the trick
And brought about improvements.

But whether this is good or not
Remains a trifle hazy.
It shows that we're a clever lot—
Or else a little lazy.

A well-known lawyer recently told me an amusing story against his profession. It refers to an occasion when Sir Henry Irving was a witness in a case of street robbery. The defendant's lawyer roared at him, "At what hr did the theft occur?"

"I-I-think," began Irving.

"It isn't what you *think* that we want to know."

"Don't you want to know what I think?" asked Irving.

"I do not," snapped the lawyer.
"In that case," said Irving mildly, "I had better leave the witness stand. I can't talk without thinking—I'm not a lawyer."—*Tit-Bits*, London. k

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"Vote for me," boomed the youthful politician in the village hall, "and I'll give you better rds, safer rds; what's more, we'll give you one-way sts . . ."

"That ain't no good 'ere," interrupted a villager with a grin. "We've only got one street—'ow are we goin' to get back 'ome?"—*Tit-Bits*, London. l

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Some Indian chiefs recently went to Washington to protest new policies which would remove gov't protection from their people. They were asked what they thought about the way their affairs were being handled. After a wk of hearings and visits to Congressmen which accomplished nothing, one of the braves remarked: "Heap big fertilizer. No crop."—PETER EDSON, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*. m

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Quote-ettes

PRESTON HOTCHKIS, U S delegate to UN, ans'g charges of Russian and Czech delegates that American press is "war-mongering tool of dollar-grabbing capitalist monopolists": "I suggest that you gentlemen get a handful of nickels and visit the nearest newsstand. You will find more differences expressed there than in the whole of Soviet Russia." 1-Q-t

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ELEANOR HOLM, upon her ret'n from Las Vegas, after divorcing Billy Rose: "The nice thing about N Y is that half of the people are men." 2-Q-t

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News of the **NEW**

Vacations and pleasant weekends may spur interest in these items. First, a folding bicycle which ends storing and parking problems. It is also easy to carry in a car. It weighs only 30 lbs and is sturdy enough to support the weight of a 200 lb rider—if you weigh more than that, you probably shouldn't be bike-riding, anyway. It takes only a minute to fold into a compact bundle 24 by 20 by 12 in's. (*American Mag*, 640 5th Ave, N Y C 19).

If you like to fish, there's a new Ubangi spinning lure, designed to catch fish no matter how temperamental they are about liking lures to act one way one day and

another the next. On the surface, this thing pops, chugs and jitters. On retrieve, it runs deep with fast jittering action. (Sounds real gone, what?) ¼ oz. \$1.25. (*Cooper Lures*, 325 W Huron, Chicago, Ill).

On the assumption that you've caught a fish with this fancy lure, you'll want to cook it without undue fussing over outdoor fires. There is a completely odorless fluid to make charcoal and wood burn without 1st building a fire with paper and scraps. Sprinkle a little on fuel, touch a flame to it, and call the fire department. It leaves no soot, and it doesn't affect food taste. 49¢. (*Boyle-Midway*, 22 E 40th St, N Y C).

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